

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

August 14, 2012
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mrs. Nancy Danhof, Secretary
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
Dr. Richard Zeile, NASBE Delegate
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mr. Daniel Varner
Mrs. Eileen Weiser

Absent: Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. HealthierUS School Challenge Six Month Update memorandum dated July 2, 2012
- B. Information on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Report of 2011-2012 memorandum dated August 14, 2012

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin requested that a resolution supporting accountability measures within Michigan's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver be added under discussion/action.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan showed a video clip of Board Member Mr. Dan Varner, Chief Executive Officer, Excellent Schools Detroit, discussing Graduation Celebration with Rochelle Riley, on Detroit Public Television.

VI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:48 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

VII. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON THE IMPACT OF NEW ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT FLEXIBILITY

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Venessa Keesler, Manager, Evaluation Research and Accountability; presented on the Impact of the New Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility.

Mr. Flanagan said Michigan's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on July 19, 2012.

Ms. Forward said the presentation is an overview of Michigan's approved request for ESEA flexibility, which allowed states to submit a set of waivers regarding how states implement current No Child Left Behind language. She said the waiver is based on three principles: Career and College Ready Expectations for All Students; State-Developed Differentiated Recognition, Accountability and Support; and Supporting Effective Instruction and Leadership.

Information was provided through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion regarding supporting documents for Common Core State Standards, educator evaluations, professional learning, peer evaluation, principal training for conducting evaluation, students' depth of knowledge and mastery of concepts, dissemination of information to stakeholders, intervention specialists, school improvement planning process, and funding.

IX. PRESENTATION ON ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability; and Dr. Venessa Keesler, Manager, Evaluation Research and Accountability; presented on Accountability Results for the 2011-2012 School Year.

Dr. Vaughn said on August 2, 2012, the Michigan Department of Education released the 2011-2012 Accountability Results from six different metrics. She said the presentation will provide an overview of the metrics and results.

Information was provided through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion regarding parent notification, achievement gaps, and sharing information and data through associations.

X. REPORT ON THE 2010-2011 TEACHER PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORES

There was Board consensus to reorder the agenda.

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; Ms. Leah Breen, Assistant Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Steve Stegink, Higher Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; presented Report on the 2010-2011 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores.

Dr. Vaughn said 2010-2011 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education in compliance with the Higher Education Act, Title II, Section 208. She said the data for the report is based on criteria for teacher preparation performance scores, as approved by the State Board of Education.

Information was provided through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion regarding rankings of teacher preparation institutions, support for improvement, graduate programs, and surveying teachers and principals.

The Board was asked to receive the report as part of the consent agenda later in the meeting.

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:25 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- F. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 12, 2012

Mr. Varner moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of June 12, 2012.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Tina Harma, Commerce, Michigan. Ms. Harma, representing the Network of Michigan Educators, provided verbal comments and written information on success in the classroom.
- B. Ms. Kristina Dristy, Ms. Sasha Bigby, and Ms. Jamie Lyn Hotrum, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The group from Advocacy Service for Kids shared verbal comments on mental health challenges in youth and the impact in the school setting.
- C. Mr. Evan Bowser, Ms. Dominique Mixon, and Ms. Maggie Hartness, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The group from Advocacy Service for Kids shared verbal comments on mental health challenges in youth and the impact in the school setting.

XIV. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:43 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XV. PRESENTATION ON SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM AND FIVE-YEAR ASSESSMENT PLAN

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Joseph Martineau, Director, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability, presented on Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and Five-Year Assessment Plan.

Dr. Vaughn said the presentation is an update on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and an outline of the Michigan Department of Education's plans for assessment for the next five years.

Information was provided through a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

There was discussion on summative, interim, and formative assessments; decreasing bias; equity of technology infrastructure for online assessment; field testing of assessments; integrated sequences; instruction and assessment of individual subjects; kindergarten readiness assessment; and delivery of assessment results.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole at 2:52 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XVII. MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Dr. Zeile, that the State Board of Education extend the August 14, 2012, State Board of Education Meeting beyond 3:00 p.m. to continue discussion of agenda items.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin provided an update on the Board's Education Finance and Innovation Study and the Executive Office's project designed to propose a Michigan education funding law to replace the 1979 State Aid Act.

Mr. Austin said he has had discussions with the Governor's Office and the two projects have different and complementary purposes. He said it is important that the State Board of Education provide input to the Governor's project to rewrite the State Aid Act.

Mr. Austin said he is yielding time during the President's Report so that Mrs. Straus can provide a report.

Mrs. Straus said she attended a June conference convened by the Education Commission of the States in partnership with the Campaign for Civic Mission of the Schools. She said conferences are being held across the nation to re-emphasize the importance of civic education. She said the conference also had a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and was attended by many young people.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

G. Human Resources Report

H. Report on the Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

I. Report on Grant Awards

- 2012-2013 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- 2011-2012 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2010-2011 Education Jobs Fund – Amendment
- 2012-2013 Secondary Perkins State Leadership Grant – Initial
- 2012-2013 21st Century Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program – Continuation
- 2011-2012 Title II Part A(1), Teacher Quality Statewide Activities – Continuation
- 2010-2011 Title II, Part A(3) – Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Region 3 ISD Partnership Grant – Amendment, Continuation
- 2011-2012 Michigan Charter School Grant Program – Continuation

Mr. Flanagan welcomed new employees to the Department, and Theresa Galbavi, Dawn Madison, Taylor Warstler, and Valencia Stewart introduced themselves.

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal update on Emergency Manager status; school visits; Pacesetting Districts; retirement of Kathy Weller, Director of the Office of Audits; and the passing of former Superintendent of Public Instruction John Porter.

XX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 3:11 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

XXI. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

There were no Board member comments regarding grant criteria.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 3:13 p.m. to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

XXIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

Mr. Flanagan presented the State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2013. He said all meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, except the May 21 Retreat which is the third Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education meeting schedule for 2013, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated July 23, 2012.

Mrs. Danhof suggested that the June meeting be moved to June 18, the third week of the month.

There was Board consensus to schedule the meeting on June 18.

Following discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The State Board of Education Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013 is attached as Exhibit A.

XXIV. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REPLACEMENT OF MICHIGAN'S ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENT WITH ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES WITHIN MICHIGAN'S APPROVED ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

Mr. Austin distributed a draft resolution, "State Board of Education Resolution to Support the Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved ESEA Flexibility Request and Repeal of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement."

Mr. Austin said he is proposing a resolution supporting, in concept, House Bill 5659 because the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request approved by the United States Department of Education for Michigan provides the same level of accountability as the proposed new accreditation system would have provided.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the Resolution to Support the Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved ESEA Flexibility Request and Repeal of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement.

Dr. Ulbrich said she is concerned about unintended consequences. She said some colleges and universities require graduation from an accredited school for admission.

Mrs. Danhof said the accreditation system is being replaced, rather than repealed. She said the Board continues to value high rigorous standards.

Following discussion regarding the title of the resolution, there was Board consensus to amend the title to "Resolution to Support the Replacement of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement with Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver."

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended by discussion.

Ayes: Austin, Danhof, McGuire, Straus, Varner, Weiser, Zeile
Abstain: Ulbrich

The motion carried.

The "Resolution to Support the Replacement of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement with Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver" is attached as Exhibit B.

XXV. CONSENT AGENDA

Report

- K. Receipt of Report on the 2010-2011 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores

Approval

- L. Approval of the Appointment of a Replacement Member for the Previously Appointed Committee of Scholars Assigned to Review Rochester College's Application for Approval as a Teacher Preparation Institution

Criteria

- M. Approval of Criteria for Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant
- N. Approval of Criteria for Section 32p Early Childhood Block Grant
- O. Approval of Criteria for Head Start Collaboration Grant Funds
- P. Approval of Criteria for Consolidation of Operations or Services Between Two or More Districts Grant
- Q. Approval of Criteria for the 2012-2016 Principal Training for Conducting Educator Evaluations

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- K. receive the report on the 2010-2011 Teacher Preparation Institution Performance Scores, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012;**
- L. approve the appointment of Dr. Chris Koenig Seguin to the Committee of Scholars for Rochester College, as discussed in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012;**
- M. approve the Criteria for the Great Start Readiness Program Evaluation Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012;**
- N. approve the Criteria for Section 32p Early Childhood Block Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012;**
- O. approve the Criteria for Head Start Collaboration Grant Funds as identified by the Head Start Act of 2007, Section 642B, and as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012;**

- P. approve the Criteria for the Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant program, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012; and**
- Q. approve the Criteria for the 2012-2016 Principal/Assistant Principal Training on Conducting Educator Evaluations, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 23, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Danhof said she attended the Education Commission of the States meeting in June and heard valuable presentations. She said former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor founded iCivics which is an online program providing schools with free and innovative educational materials. She said Bill Gates is funding a long-term grant to study teacher preparation institutions and teacher evaluations.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mrs. Danhof with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, October 9, 2012 (9:30 a.m.)

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Danhof
Secretary

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SCHEDULE**

CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Proposed Meeting Date	Week/Day of the Month
January 8	Second Tuesday
February 12	Second Tuesday
March 12	Second Tuesday
April 9	Second Tuesday
May 14	Second Tuesday
May 21 (Retreat)	Third Tuesday
June 18	Third Tuesday
August 13	Second Tuesday
September 10	Second Tuesday
October 8	Second Tuesday
November 12	Second Tuesday
December 10	Second Tuesday

**State of Michigan
State Board of Education**

**Resolution to Support the Replacement of Michigan's Accreditation Requirement with
Accountability Measures within Michigan's Approved
Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Michigan Department of Education are committed to reforms that ensure all students are career and college ready, bring improved focus and assistance to Michigan's neediest students, and support effective instruction in every classroom throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the SBE believes it must continuously support strong accountability systems that hold students and teachers to high standards; and

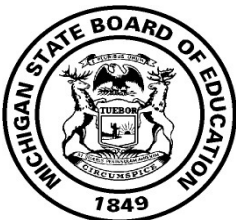
WHEREAS, the SBE has prioritized the need for an accountability system that focuses on closing achievement gaps; rewards school performance based on outcomes, including improved student achievement proficiency and growth; and ensures all students have effective educators in their schools; and

WHEREAS, the SBE supports the implementation of a single statewide accountability system as defined in Michigan's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility request granted by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, key accountability components reflected in this approved flexibility request include:

- measures of student achievement, improvement in achievement gaps, as well as graduation rate
- bottom 5% schools being identified and targeted for interventions/sanctions
- teacher and leader "effectiveness" related to educator evaluations with student growth as a significant factor
- assurances of alignment to Career and College Ready Standards, Grade Level Content Expectations, and the Michigan Merit Curriculum
- compliance with Literacy and Math testing in grades 1-5
- transparency reporting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education supports in concept House Bill 5659 of 2012.



Adopted August 14, 2012

John C. Austin, President

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and
Superintendent of Public Instruction